

The City of Clayton  
**Community Equity Commission**  
**Virtual Zoom Meeting**  
**August 12, 2021 at 5:30 PM**

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 5:31 pm.

**Roll Call**

Present: Laura Horwitz (Chair), Chris Schmiz, Ben Uchitelle, Yvonne Tisdell, Stuart Berkowitz, Ted Wheeler, JoAnna Schooler (ex officio), and Cameron Poole (ex officio).

Additional: Alderwoman Susan Buse, City Manager David Gipson, and Assistant to the City Manager Andrea Muskopf

**Minutes**

Chris Schmiz moved to approve the July 8, 2021 minutes. Yvonne Tisdell seconded the motion. All were in favor.

**Welcome of New Ex-officio Member**

The Commission welcome Cameron Poole, Director of Equity and Inclusion, for the School District of Clayton.

**Mayor's Commemorative Landscape Task Force**

Mayor's Commemorative Landscape Task Force representative Geoff Ward presented the recommendation to remove the portrait of Ralph Clayton from Council Chambers in City Hall.

Ben Uchitelle moved to support the Task Force's recommendation to relocate the portrait of Ralph Clayton as it advances the Commission's goals to be a more welcoming city. Stuart Berkowitz seconded the motion. All were in favor.

**Administrative Advisory Subcommittee Proposal**

City Manager David Gipson proposed the creation of an Administrative Advisory Subcommittee. The Commission was supportive. Yvonne Tisdell, Ted Wheeler, and Stuart Berkowitz will serve on the Subcommittee.

**Discussion Timeline**

The Commission reviewed the timeline for upcoming discussions.

**Old Business**

**Public Comments from July 8, 2021**

City Manager David Gipson reviewed the public comments from the July 8 Meeting.

**Public Comment**

Kathleen Gund shared that she's very encouraged by the Commission's development of an Administrative Advisory Subcommittee. She inquired about whether the Commission might want to look at opportunities to access to programs at The Center of Clayton for adults who may not

have the financial means. She also asked what steps were or were not taken by the City previously that caused the loss of 110 subsidized units and how can we prevent such a loss in the future.

### **Comments from Members**

Susan Buses provided updates from the Board of Aldermen including:

- Approval of a multi-family housing development at the previous Katie's Pizza location.
- Approval of the Community Equity Commission's recommendation to remove the Neighborhood Watch signs.
- Law Enforcement Subcommittee will postpone conversation on recommendations until they meet with the Municipal Judge.

Chris Schmiz provided an update on Neighborhood Indentures. The Board of Aldermen was supportive of the recommendation. Ben Uchitelle, City staff, and the City Attorney are working together on language and will proceed from there.

### **Next Meeting Date**

The next meeting is scheduled for September 9 at 5:30 pm.

### **Adjourn**

Having no other business, the meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm.